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Last month brought many changes to the Fires Brigade S-2 Shop along with many promotions. Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Quick was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 4 on April 1 after 21 years of service. He completed Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga. in 1982.

Staff Sgt. Lawanda Perry was promoted to Sgt. 1st Class also on April 1. She entered active duty in 1990.

Pvt. Kristin Blair was promoted to private first class April 3.

Pfc. Rachel Nadeau received the Army Achievement Medal for scoring the highest out of 10 soldiers on the Operations and Information Test. As part of Nadeau's award, she enjoyed a four-day pass in Qatar this month.

Sgt. David Penton came to us from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. This is the second Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment for Penton. Before reporting to us, Penton had deployed with Fort Huachucas's 11th Signal Brigade. He brings our number of topographic analysts from one to four.

We also began preparations for the St. Barbara's Day Ball which will take place in June. The S-2 shop will be working the details of the memento which every attendee to the ball will receive.

The Soldiers of the Fires Brigade S-2 shop continue to make history and provide daily intelligence support by producing the intelligence summary seven days a week.

Sgt. Kelly Stewart, Spc. Mathew Wilson, Pfc. Kristen Blair, and Pvt. Ryan Stowell brief the deputy commanding officer, the command sergeant major, the operations sergeant major and other members of brigade staff six days per week during the morning battle update.

As firing batteries move around on the battle field, Soldiers of the S-2 shop provide intelligence support to those units as well.